

## **Spring Updates and Recital 2021 Information Packet – REVISED 5/1/21**

In order to keep all the Recital Information together in one place, we are amending the Recital Packet that we sent out previously. All new or changed information will be in RED. You should still look through all the information to make sure you are up to date on everything.

### **Tickets for the 2021 Recital**

As of right now, currently regulations allow us to have LIMITED spectators at the Recital. We must stay within the occupancy set forth by the regulation. Due to these restrictions, we have decided that each dance family (not dancer, but dance family) can purchase up to 3 spectator tickets for the 2021 Recital. Please make sure to read carefully about ticketing because it will be very different from years past.

Each dance family participating in the 2021 Recital will have 3 Recital Ticket Fees added to their account sometime within the next few days (can be viewed in the online Parent Portal). Tickets are \$15 each.

If you do NOT need all of your 3 tickets, **please email us by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm EST.** We will take the appropriate charges off your account, and then be able to offer these tickets to other families. If you do not email us by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm EST, you will be liable for the price of all 3 tickets whether you use them or not.

If there are unused tickets, we will offer them as a first come first serve on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. However, we don't anticipate there will be a lot of unused tickets for sale, so please keep that in mind.

Our goal is to then have the tickets to you the last week of classes, the week of May 24 – 28. If we are unable to have all the seating arrangement done by then, you will be able to pick up the tickets at Rehearsal or right before the recital.

Each families tickets will be assigned and seated altogether, and then will have room on either side of the families seats for social distancing purposes.

If something changes in the spectator restrictions, we will be sure to take action accordingly. If occupancy opens up, we will absolutely offer additional tickets. If for some reason restrictions tighten, and we are unable to have spectators for some reason, all your ticket fees will be refunded (and we are still going to livestream regardless of if spectators are allowed or not).

### **MASKS:**

All audience members, spectators, and staff will be required to wear masks throughout the duration of the event. All dancers will need to wear a mask for sure when they are not dancing, but the venue is still deciding whether they are going to require the dancers to wear masks on stage. Regardless if the venue decides the dancers don't have to wear a mask on stage, if you would prefer your dancer to wear a mask onstage, that is absolutely fine.

Dancers will remain backstage throughout the duration of the half of the show they are in, so they will not need a ticket. If they are staying through a half of recital they aren't dancing in (for instance if they have siblings in a different half), please talk to us IN ADVANCE and we will get your seating figured out.

This year's Recital (and Rehearsal) will take place at South Christian High School located at 7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center MI, 49315. It is off Kalamazoo Avenue between 76<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup>. We will be having 1 show divided into 2 sections on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The rehearsal for the show will be on Thursday evening, June 3<sup>rd</sup> also at South Christian High School.

**\*\*\*Costume:** Most of you should have gotten your costumes by now (if they are paid for). If not they will be coming in shortly. They should also have gotten tights with their costume.

**\*\*\*Hair:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and for the Rehearsal/Recital, hair may be to your choosing. If the costume comes with a hairpiece, we ask that you incorporate it, but not everyone needs to be the same. Competition team dancers: picture week is to your choosing, rehearsal and recital is competition team low bun.

**\*\*\*Makeup:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and rehearsal/recital, makeup can be to your choosing. Although children do not normally wear makeup it does help so that the dancers do not look washed out onstage. We recommend that dancers should wear silver/charcoal colored eye shadow, foundation, lipstick and LOTS of blush that match your child's skin tone. Mascara and eyeliner are optional but are a good idea. Glitter and sparkles are encouraged! Again, this is not required.

- Competition team members should wear their usual competition team makeup.

**\*\*\*\*Other:** For the dancer's safety, no other jewelry should be worn other than the dance team members approved jewelry. For the best appearance, it is recommended that dancers should not be wearing any nail polish (on fingers or toes) and skin should be free from pen markings, temporary tattoos, etc. If your child has a piercing that cannot be taken out for any reason, please make sure they have a stud in.

### **Recital Songs**

2-3 Year Intro To Dance Tap Song "Itsy Bitsy Spider" (Miss Jen Wednesdays from 6-6:30pm)  
2-4 Year Combo Tap Song "I Wanna Be Like You" (Miss Erin Thursdays from 5pm – 6pm)  
2-4 Year Combo Ballet Song "Baby Mine" (Miss Erin Thursdays from 5pm – 6pm)  
4-6 Year Combo Tap Song "Get Your Sparkle On" (Miss Jen Mondays from 5pm – 6pm)  
4-6 Year Combo Ballet Song "When You Wish Upon A Star" (Miss Jen Mondays from 5pm – 7pm)  
5-7 Year Combo Tap Song "Trolls Just Wanna Have Fun" (Miss Jen Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 7:30pm)  
5-7 Year Combo Ballet Song "Rainbow Ballerina" (Miss Jen Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 7:30pm)  
6-8 Year Combo Tap Song "Every Girl's A Super Girl" (Miss Jen Mondays from 6pm – 7pm)  
6-8 Year Combo Ballet Song "The Glow" (Miss Jen Mondays from 6pm – 7pm)  
Young Acro "Stray Cat Strut" (Miss Kelly Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm)  
Young Jazz Song "Nonstop" (Miss Jen Mondays from 7pm – 8pm)  
Intermediate Jazz Song "Blinding Lights" (Miss Erin Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm)  
Young Hip Hop Song "Strut" (Miss Erin Tuesdays from 7pm – 8pm)  
Intermediate Hip Hop Song "Intentions" (Miss Erin Thursdays from 6pm – 7pm)  
Advanced Hip Hop Song "My Shot" (Miss Erin Thursdays from 8pm – 9pm)  
Lyrical Song "Imagine Dragons" (Miss Jen Mondays from 8pm – 9pm)  
Adult Ballet "You Will Be Found" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm)  
Adult Tap "Twenty Five Miles" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm)

**Parents/Dancers: Please look over the recital order and if your dancer is in multiple dances, please make sure there are at least 3 dances in between. I tried to make sure they would, but please double check!**

# Recital 2021 Show

**Part 1 begins at 1:00pm (dancers should arrive no later than 12:45pm)**

1. Teacher's Tap
2. Walking (Gabrielle Solo)
3. I Wanna Be Like You (2-4 Year Combo Tap)
4. Enchanted Tiki Room (Regionals Ballet)
5. Get Your Sparkle On (4-6 Year Combo Tap)
6. The Glow (6-8 Year Combo Ballet)
7. My Shot (Advanced Teen Hip Hop)
8. Return Of The Mac (Gabrielle Solo)
9. Baby Mine (2-4 Year Combo Ballet)
10. Hold Your Dream (Regionals Contemporary)
11. Kung Fu Fighting (Molin's)
12. When You Wish Upon A Star (4-6 Year Combo Ballet)
13. Every Girl's A Super Girl (6-8 Year Combo Tap)
14. Intentions (Intermediate Hip Hop)
15. Warrior (Lysee Solo)
16. Space Jam (Regionals Hip Hop)
  - a. Finale!

20 Minute Intermission

**Part 2 begins at 2:30pm (dancers should arrive no later than 2:15pm if they aren't already there)**

17. Twenty Five Miles (Adult Tap)
18. Analisa Solo 1
19. Imagine Dragons (Lyrical)
20. Stray Cat Strut (Young Acro)
21. Trolls Just Wanna Have Fun (5-7 Year Combo Tap)
22. Call Me A Doctor (Regionals Tap)
23. Itsy Bitsy Spider (2-3 Intro to dance)
24. Analisa Solo 2
25. Blinding Lights (Intermediate Jazz)
26. Nonstop (Young Jazz)
27. You Will Be Found (Adult Ballet)
28. Rainbow Ballerina (5-7 Year Combo Ballet)
29. Just Watch Me Now (Regionals Jazz)
30. Take A Chance On Me (Morgan K solo)
31. Strut (Young Hip Hop)
32. We're All In This Together (Eli/Melody Duo)
  - a. Finale

## Important Notice!

**Please be aware that all monies owed to Expressions Dance Academy must be paid in full by the picture week (the week of May 10 – 14th) those who are not paid in full will not be allowed to participate in the 2021 Recital. Thank you for your attention to this matter**

## Dance Rehearsal:

Dance rehearsal will be held Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> and begin at 5:30pm. Rehearsal will also be held at South Christian High School. Dancers must arrive wearing their costume and dance shoes. We want you to be able to see the children up on stage exactly how they are going to be for the Recital so we can get the lighting correctly. Please keep in mind that these times are estimated and may take longer. There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium, (but allowed in the lobby) please plan accordingly.

Only 1 parent or guardian is allowed per dance family to be in attendance at rehearsal. We would prefer to run a closed rehearsal with no parents or guardians so that there is no occupancy issues, but we know that many of the younger dancers should not be expected to sit in the auditorium by themselves. So we are allowing 1 parent or guardian per dancer to be in attendance during rehearsal.

Our dance rehearsal has been divided up into different sections so that your dancer will have time to run through their dance on the stage a couple times if needed and this will allow parents time to take pictures and video. There will be NO photography and NO videography allowed during the actual recital, so take your pics and video at the rehearsal please. We will also practice the group finale dance more than once throughout the rehearsal. Please be patient as we may have to run some dances more than once. Make sure your dancer is there early and ready so that when it is their turn to go on, they can get on quickly, go over formations with the teacher if necessary, find out what curtain they need to enter and exit from, and everything else that will make their dance run smoothly. It can be overwhelming for new dancers so getting them there early will help them and the teachers.

- **Dancers who are in dances #1-9 should arrive to the school ready by 5:15pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #11-15 should arrive to the school ready by 6:00pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #17-25 should arrive to the school ready by 6:45pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #26-32 should arrive to the school ready by 7:30pm**

*\*\*\*Please note that certain competition team dances will NOT be required to attend rehearsal. However plan on being at rehearsal for any other dances you are in. The following competition team dances are NOT required to attend rehearsal: Regionals Contemporary (Hold Your Dream), Regionals Hip Hop (Space Jam), Regionals Tap (Call Me A Doctor), Regional Ballet (Enchanted Tiki Room) and Regionals Jazz (Just Watch Me Now).*

When the dancer and guardian get to SCHS for the rehearsal, they should enter into the auditorium and have a seat. They will be called backstage in groups. After the dancer is done onstage at rehearsal, if they have another dance they should go back to their parent, change, and then sit and wait in the auditorium to be called for their next dance (or until Finale if they want to practice that with everyone).

Once your dancer is done with all of their dances at rehearsal, they are free to leave; they do not need to stay until the end unless they wish to.

***Your Dancer's Music is on Dropbox!*** You can download your dancer's song or listen to it via dropbox, courtesy of the studio. Please take advantage of this and have your dancer practice at home! Even putting on the music and having them do just what they remember will help improve their dancing greatly. If it hasn't been uploaded yet, it will be soon. Go to [www.expressionsdancegr.com/media](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com/media) - click on the link and it will take you to our dropbox account with the music on it.

***\*\*\*Another great tool to help your dancer's do their best at Recital*** – As the dancer's having started learning their dance, the teacher's will invite you in towards the end of classes to watch their dance (or in the middle if they are a combo class). During this time, you are encouraged to videotape your child doing their dance so they can practice at home! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

**Finale** - Finale is the last dance of each section of the Recital where all the dancers in the Recital get a chance to come back out onstage and do one final very easy number together. Your dancer will be learning this finale dance during their class. It is just a very easy dance as it must be able to be performed by 2 year olds through adults. Dancers are not required to participate in the finale but it is a fun way to end all their hard work, and for them to be up on stage again. If the dancers are not already backstage, they should come back during towards the end of the section to get ready for finale. The teachers and teacher's assistants will help get them all onstage. At the end of the section, after finale, the dancers will stay on stage and wait for their parents to come up and get them. You can then take your dancer backstage if they have to gather their things. During Rehearsal we will be practicing Finale multiple times throughout the evening.

### **Flowers for your dancer!**

Flowers are a great way to show your dancer what an amazing job they did! They are available for pre-order for \$15 for a bouquet. Orders must be in by Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The bouquet includes 3 premium roses, babys breath, and greens. These must be pre-ordered here: <https://expressions-dance-academy.square.site/> There will be a limited number of extras sold at the show, so make sure you order yours in advance! You will be able to pick them up at the table near the auditorium entrance.



### **T-shirts for the 2021 Recital**

If you would like to order a t-shirt for your dancer, you can pre-order those for \$25 each. These are a great souvenir for your dancer, but parents, friends, and family will get one too! The t-shirts will display Recital 2021 on the front and the names of all the dancers who participated in the Recital on the back. This year the t-shirt color will be Royal Blue with white writing. In order to get a t-shirt you must pre-order them during the month of April online at <https://expressions-dance-academy.square.site>. You can also find the link online at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com). T-shirts may be picked up at the front table the night of your dancer's rehearsal at South Christian High School. **If you do not order your t-shirt in advance, you will not be able to receive one as there are no extras ordered.**



### **Picture Week**

Picture week will be held in May. This will be May 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>. Dancers should come in their costume, tights, and dance shoes (hair and makeup done to the parent's choosing). The dancers will be taking group pictures as well as individual pictures. Remember you can take pictures with other dancers (many siblings who dance in different classes like to get their picture taken together) and that is just fine as well! The teachers will help with poses but if your dancer has any they really want to do, please let us know! The pictures are not professional; they are taken by EDA staff. This is because we want a picture of all our dances as well as it gives the dancers a chance to practice being in their costume before the big day, without the feeling that you need to pay a lot of money for pictures. Parents are allowed to bring cameras and take their own pictures as well as long as it is not interfering with the regular pictures being taken.

***All Recreational Classes come at their regularly scheduled dance class time to get their pictures taken. Have your child come in their costume, tights, shoes, ect, but bring along a pair of dance clothes just in case there is time after pictures to practice the dance or finale. After pictures, the teacher may want the dancers to practice their dance in their costume so they can get used to it. Make sure you are on time for pictures as groups cannot wait because there will be other groups waiting.***

**The last week of scheduled dance classes is Monday, May 24th through Friday, May 28th. We will NOT be having class the week of recital, as that is the week we will be doing rehearsal.**

Please ask all questions that you have during the last week of class since the studio will be closed the week of recital in order to prepare for the upcoming show. You can always reach us via email at [expressions\\_dnc@yahoo.com](mailto:expressions_dnc@yahoo.com).

### **Videos for the 2021 Recital**

Because of everything going on this year, we don't have to have to make your families pay for something else that may or may not turn out the way we want. The Recital will be live streamed via the Band App, and parents can feel free to videotape their own dancer's routines (from their seat) as long as they are courteous to those around them. Here is a link to our Band App (you will need to create an account first, then click here): <https://band.us/n/adaf4fx54eE5Q>

### **2021 Open House**

Our 2021-2022 season open house is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 8pm. You can come to the open house to register, or starting Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> you will be able to register online at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com).

### **Dance Team Tryouts for the 2021-2022 Dance Year**

We will be having performance team tryouts on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Anyone who wishes to be a part of our competition team can tryout (this includes dancers already on the team from the year prior). Tryouts are free and for dancers who will be age 6 or older next fall.

**5:00 – 5:45pm Hip Hop Tryouts**

**5:45 – 6:30pm Jazz Tryouts**

**6:30 – 7:15pm Lyrical/Contemporary Tryouts**

**7:15 – 8:00pm Tap Tryouts**

**8:00 – 8:45pm Ballet Tryouts**

Letter of acceptance will be emailed out beginning of July and will give more information on the meeting held in August. You can find out more about our Competition Team online at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com)

**\*\*\*NEW NEXT YEAR\*\*\* We are going to try getting together a mini competition of dancers aged 3-6. This mini team will have a little different set up than our usual competition team classes because of their young age. Dancers who wish to do this do not have to attend the tryouts, but look for more information about it as we have it available.**

**Expressions Dance Academy Offering Summer Classes!** - This summer, Expressions Dance Academy will be offering summer classes for your dancer to keep up with her/his dance technique! Or, if you have a child that is interested in dance but unsure if you want to sign them up for a whole year of dance, this would be the best time to try out the classes! Classes are \$10 each, or you can purchase an Unlimited Summer Class Pass for \$75. Classes are drop in style – come as often or little as you want! The classes run for 6 weeks total. Classes start the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> and the last week will be August 9<sup>th</sup>. No pre-registration necessary, but you can register online for easy payment options. **There will be no class the week of July 12-19 due to our team being gone at Nationals.**

The schedule is posted below:

<b><u>MONDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	-
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS JEN</u>	-
5:00PM - 5:50PM	3-6 YEAR OLD TAP / BALLET COMBO	
6:00PM - 6:50PM	6-10 YEAR OLD TAP / BALLET COMBO	
7:00PM - 7:50PM	6-10 YEAR OLD JAZZ	
<b><u>TUESDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	-
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS ERIN</u>	-
-		-
6:00PM - 6:50PM	6-10 YEAR OLD HIP HOP	
7:00PM - 7:50PM	10 YEARS AND UP HIP HOP	
<b><u>THURSDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 2</u></b>
-		-
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS LAURA</u>	<u>MISS ANNA</u>
5:00PM - 5:50PM	AGES 10 AND UP TONING AND FLEXIBILITY	
6:00PM - 6:50PM	BOYS CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS 4-8 YEARS OLD	AGES 10 AND UP ACRO
7:00PM - 7:50PM	AGES 10 AND UP JAZZ CLASS	5-9 YEAR OLD ACRO

What is acro? Acro is short for Acrobatics, but don't fear, it is for all levels! Acro starts with basics like somersaults, cartwheels, handstands, and bridges, and moves up to handstand front rolls, front limbers, front and back walkovers, and even up to the harder skills like aerials and backhandsprings if the dancer is ready.

# **Competition Team News**

## **Picture week for competition team:**

During picture week of May 10-14, It is imperative that we keep solos, duos, and trios running as scheduled because many of them have a competition that weekend. So please forgive the schedule if it looks a little messy.

Remember just as usual, hair and makeup are to the dancers choosing for pictures. We would love everyone to wear earrings and bring their necklace and rhinestone clip in case we decide to wear it for the group dance picture.

If I forgot someone, please let me know. It wasn't intentional.

Pictures taken on:

Monday 5pm - 6pm: Jordan Angelica duo, Kylene Lydia duo, Jordan solos, Angelica's solos, Kylene solo, Lydia solo, Natasha solo, Julie solos, Melody solo, Aaliyahs solos, Zoe solo, small group

Monday 6pm - 7pm: Regionals contemporary, Stella's solos, Ariannas solos, Jordyn solo, Jaycie solo, Sera solo, Maggie's solos

Monday 7pm - 8pm: Nationals Jazz, Izzy's solos, Morgan L solos, Maggie Kennedy duo, Kennedy Stella duo, Anna's solos, Erin's solos

Monday 8pm - 9pm: Nationals contemporary, Jody Kennedy duo, Caitlyn's solos

Tuesday 5:30pm - 7pm: Regionals Hip Hop,

Tuesday 7pm - 8pm: Nationals Hip Hop, Ariella solo, Ariella Jordyn Jaycie Trio,

Tuesday 8pm - 9pm: Regionals tap, Christina solo,

Wednesday 6pm - 7pm: Regionals Ballet, Brooklyn solo

Wednesday 7pm - 8pm: Regionals Jazz, Morgan K Solo

**A reminder that although Regionals Dances are dancing in the Recital, they do not have to attend rehearsal.**

## **Tentative Summer Schedule for Nationals Dances**

We have decided that we are going to do Energy's Nationals this year. They will be held in Sandusky Ohio at the Kalahari (as of right anyway) the week of July 11-17. Here is a tentative schedule that we will use for after Recital practicing. Starts the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>.

If your dancer is NOT on a nationals team, but DOES want to bring their solo to Nationals, please let me know so I can schedule a practice time for them with their teacher during the month between Recital and Nationals.

\*\*\*Notice!!! The below Ballet classes, Technique, Toning, and Flex are required for some Nationals dancers, but optional, free and encouraged for ALL competition team members. If you are looking to improve your skills for next year, consider keeping up with your technique here in the summer.



<b><u>MONDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 2</u></b>
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS ZOE/MISS ERIN/MISS KELLY</u>	<u>MISS ERIN/ MISS KELLY</u>
3:30PM - 4:00PM	JULIE SOLO	
4:00PM - 4:30PM	MELODY SOLO	
4:30PM - 5:00PM	STELLA SOLO	LYDIA SOLO
5:00PM - 6:00PM	BALLET - REQUIRED FOR NATIONALS JAZZ AND CONTEMPORARY, OPTIONAL FOR ALL OTHER COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS	
6:00PM - 7:00PM	TECHNIQUE, TONING AND FLEX - REQUIRED FOR NATIONALS JAZZ AND CONTEMPORARY, OPTIONAL FOR ALL OTHER COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS	
7:00PM - 8:00PM	NATIONALS JAZZ	
8:00PM - 9:00PM	NATIONALS CONTEMPORARY	8-8:30 ANNA SOLO
9:00PM - 9:30PM	KYLEN SOLO	ARIANNA SOLO
<b><u>TUESDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 2</u></b>
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS JILLIAN / MISS KELLY</u>	<u>MISS ERIN</u>
5:00PM - 5:30PM	ANGELICA SOLO	SERA SOLO
5:30PM - 6:00PM	STELLA & KENNEDY DUO	ANGELICA SOLO
6:00PM - 7:00PM	TECHNIQUE, TONING AND FLEX - REQUIRED FOR NATIONALS HIP HOP, OPTIONAL FOR ALL OTHER COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS	
7:00PM - 8:00PM	NATIONALS HIP HOP	
8:00PM - 8:30PM	KENNEDY / MAGGIE DUO	KYLEN / LYDIA DUO
8:30PM - 9:00PM	MAGGIE SOLO	JODY / KENNEDY DUO
9:00PM - 9:30PM	CAITLYN SOLO	
<b><u>WEDNESDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 2</u></b>
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS KELLY</u>	<u>MISS ZOE</u>
4:00PM - 4:30PM	JORDAN SOLO	
4:30PM - 5:00PM	JORDAN/ANGELICA DUO	
5:00PM - 6:00PM	BALLET TECHNIQUE - OPTIONAL FOR ALL COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS	BALLET TECHNIQUE - OPTIONAL FOR ALL COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS
6:00PM - 6:30PM	ERIN SOLO	POINTE
6:30PM - 7:30PM	SMALL GROUP	
7:30PM - 8:00PM	ZOE SOLO	
<b><u>THURSDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 1</u></b>	<b><u>ROOM 2</u></b>
<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MISS LAURA</u>	-
5:00PM - 6:00PM	TONING AND FLEXIBILITY - OPTIONAL FOR ALL COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS	